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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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The Honorable Thomas Foley
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On March 6, 1990, we provided our report to the Congress pursuant to section 1014(b) of the Impoundment Control Act, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 685(b), on the President's third special impoundment message for Fiscal Year 1990, dated February 6, 1990. Of the 19 deferrals of budget authority reported in the President's third special message, our report addressed 18 of the reported deferrals. With respect to the remaining deferral (D90-22), we advised the Congress that we were in the process of gathering information on it and would report the results of our review separately.

By letter dated March 28, 1990, Richard G. Darman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, informed the Chairmen and Ranking Minority Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees that the administration no longer intended to withhold the funds reported as deferred in the President's third special message. The latest apportionment statement for the Air Force's Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation account, dated April 5, 1990, shows that the $100,000,000 reported as deferred in D90-22 has been released and is currently available for obligation. Accordingly, we no longer plan to report on the subject deferral.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Bowsher

Comptroller General
of the United States

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